



OPEN EXAMINATION BULLETIN ANIMAL TECHNICIAN II CONTINUOUS TESTING SPOT – BERKELEY- RICHMOND

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WHO SHOULD APPLY: Persons who meet the minimum qualifications (entrance requirements) as stated. This is an open examination. Applications will NOT be accepted on a promotional basis.

HOW TO APPLY: To learn more about the job and testing arrangements, contact the testing office shown below. Applications are available and may be filed in person or by mail with:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES (510) 412-5841
LABORATORY SCIENCE
850 MARINA BAY PARKWAY
RICHMOND, CA 94804

DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD

CROSS-FILING INFORMATION: If you meet the entrance requirements for this class and for **Animal Technician III** scheduled at the same time, you may file for both examinations on a single application. Indicate the class title(s) for which you are applying on the application Form STD. 678.

SPECIAL TESTING INFORMATION: If you have a disability and need special arrangements, mark the appropriate box on the application Form STD 678. You will be contacted to make specific arrangements.

FINAL FILING DATE: There is no final filing date. Filing is considered continuous as dates can be set at any time. The testing office will accept applications continuously and will notify and test applicants as needs warrant.

SALARY RANGES: \$2178 - \$2645 per month.

POSITION DESCRIPTION: An Animal Technician II performs a variety of skilled techniques in feeding (requiring the ability for heavy physical labor) and watering of laboratory animals in accordance with specification; cleans animal cages and equipment; observes and maintains records on the normal health and behavior in laboratory animals; applies basic knowledge of the systems of biology, including structure and function of organ systems, sexing of animals, gestation periods, weaning ages, and standard elementary classification; participates in laboratory methods, animal nutrition and preparation of special diets, and assists in the breeding of laboratory animals; keeps animal facilities clean in accordance with approved procedures; operates major pieces of equipment such as autoclaves, cage washers, and chlorinators.

Positions exist in Berkeley and Richmond.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAMINATION: It is your responsibility to make sure you meet the education and/or experience requirements stated below. Your signature on your application indicates that you have read, understood, and possess the basic qualifications required.

NOTE: Applications/resumes **MUST** contain the following information: "to" and "from" dates (month/day/year), time base, civil service class title(s), and range (if applicable). College course information **MUST** include: title, semester or quarter units, name of institution, completion dates, and degree (if applicable). **Applications/resumes received without this information will be rejected.**

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Qualifying experience may be combined on a proportionate basis if the requirements stated below include more than one pattern and are distinguished as "Either I," "or II," "or III," etc.

Either I

Experience: Six months experience in the California state service performing the duties of an Animal Technician I.

Or II

Experience: One year of experience in the care of animals in a laboratory facility. (Completion at a collegiate-grade institution of the equivalent of twelve semester hours of laboratory science or animal science courses or certificate as an Assistant Laboratory Animal Technician by the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science may be substituted for the required experience.)

TESTING INFORMATION: A candidate may be tested only once during any testing period. The testing periods for this examination are **January 1 through June 30 and July 1 through December 31.**

EXAMINATION INFORMATION: Education & Experience– Weighted 100%. This examination utilizes an evaluation of education and experience (E&E) weighted 100% and is based solely upon information provided on the application. Information provided on the application will be assessed compared to a standard developed in relation to the elements of the job and linked to the knowledge and abilities required on the job.

Resumes and/or attachments are encouraged and special care should be taken to submitting a complete description of your education and experience relevant to the typical tasks, scope and minimum qualifications stated on this bulletin.

SCOPE: In addition to evaluating the candidate's relative abilities as demonstrated by depth and breadth of experience, emphasis will be placed on measuring competitively, relative to job demands, each competitor's:

KNOWLEDGE OF:

1. Basic principles of sanitation and disinfection.
2. Recognition of vermin and their control.
3. Personal hygiene.
4. General and personal safety in animal facilities.
5. Record keeping and animal identification methods.
6. Basic systems of biology.
7. Sexing of animals, gestation periods, weaning ages, and signs of normal health and behavior in laboratory animals.
8. Feeding and watering of laboratory animals.
9. Methods of cleaning animal cages and equipment.

ABILITY TO:

1. Follow written directions.
2. Perform simple mathematical computations for record keeping.
3. Raise and care for a group of laboratory animals used in advanced medical research.

SPECIAL PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Keen interest in and a desire to provide humane care and treatment of laboratory animals; freedom from symptoms of allergy associated with or attributed to the presence of animals; willingness to work rotating shifts, weekends, and holidays.

ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION: Names of successful competitors are merged into the list in order of final scores regardless of date. Eligibility expires **24 months** after it is established unless the needs of the service and conditions of the list warrant a change in this period. The resulting eligible list will be used by the Department of Health Services to fill vacancies in Richmond.

VETERANS PREFERENCE: Veterans preference credits will be added to the final score of all competitors who are successful in this examination and who qualify for and have requested these points through the State Personnel Board. Due to changes in the law, which were effective January 1, 1996, **VETERANS WHO HAVE ACHIEVED PERMANENT CIVIL SERVICE STATUS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE VETERANS CREDITS.**

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Applications are available at the State Personnel Board office, through the internet at <http://www.spb.ca.gov/>, local offices of the Employment Development Department, and the Department noted on this bulletin.

If you meet the requirements stated on this announcement, you may take this examination, which is competitive. All candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

The Department of Health Services reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service if the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service law and rules, and all competitors will be notified.

Eligible Lists: Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1) subdivisional promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multi-departmental promotional, 4) service wide promotional, 5) departmental open, and 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first. Eligible lists will expire in from one to four years unless otherwise stated on this bulletin.

General Qualifications: Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, ability to work cooperatively with others, and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class. A medical examination may be required.

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